

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2201

To amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a floor of 1.0 for the practice expense and for the work expense geographic practice cost indices (GPCI) under the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 30, 2009

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. BARROW, Mr. TEAGUE, Mr. BOUCHER, and Mr. KIND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Equity and
5 Accessibility Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE GPCI FLOORS.**

2 (a) FLOOR OF 1.0 FOR PRACTICE EXPENSES.—Sec-
3 tion 1848(e)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
4 1395w-4(e)(1)) is amended by inserting after subpara-
5 graph (E) the following new subparagraph:

6 “(F) FLOOR AT 1.0 FOR PRACTICE EX-
7 PENSE INDEX.—After calculating the practice
8 expense index in subparagraph (A)(ii), for pur-
9 poses of payment for services furnished on or
10 after January 1, 2010, the Secretary shall in-
11 crease the practice expense geographic index to
12 1.00 for any locality for which such practice ex-
13 pense geographic index is less than 1.00.”.

14 (b) EXTENSION OF FLOOR OF 1.0 FOR WORK EX-
15 PENSES.—Subparagraph (E) of such section is amended
16 by striking “and before January 1, 2010,”.

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